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TO PBSUCCESS, Headquarters

FROM LINCOLN

SUBJECT { GENERAL KUGOWN
SPECIFIC Campaign Aimed at the Guatemalan Armed Forces; Request for
Fictitious Cable

1. As part of our efforts to provoke disaffection among the armed forces of the target country by making them believe that they will come completely under Soviet-communist control, we request that a cable be sent to a hotel in Guatemala City, reserving space for a Soviet military mission for a prolonged stay there.

2. This cable should be sent from Berlin, if possible, with European ports from which such a mission is likely to sail, i.e. Southampton, England, Cherbourg or Le Havre, France or Genoa, Italy, as alternatives?

3. The cable should be signed by the fictitious name of the senior member of the pretended mission. Filing the cable in the port town would explain why it goes through normal telegraph facilities.

4. The cable should have the following text: "Hotel Colonial, Guatemala, Guatemala: Misión militar soviética llegará el 3 de junio y pide alojamiento en su hotel para por lo menos tres meses para cinco oficiales superiores, doce oficiales subalternos, dieciocho soldados. El sitio debe de estar ajustado. La misión traerá su propia guardia armada. El personal del hotel que vaya ha estar en contacto directo con los miembros de la misión debe de pasar por una rigurosa investigación de la PGT. Proporcione garantías técnicas para la seguridad de los huéspedes, quite las escaleras de salvamento, ponga barras en las ventanas accesibles a los tejados cercanos, etc. El gobierno de Guatemala se encargará de los gastos según el pacto."

Lt. Gen. Mikhail A. Bogdanov

5. As soon as cable is successfully filed, inform LINCOLN by priority cable so that we may take steps to insure added publicity. FYI, the addressee has been chosen in the assumption that he will give the receipt of the cable some publicity anyway.

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6. Please keep us informed of the feasibility of this scheme, and of your progress. Advise soonest if alternative solutions must be found.

[] WILLIAM D. PLAYDON

1 May 1954

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